



*Impact of MedPAC's recommendation to reduce MA benchmarks to their estimate of fee-for-service costs which exclude medical education.*

### Key Medicare Facts (2005)

Total number of beneficiaries in state: 188,414  
 Percent of beneficiaries who are minority: 8%  
 Percent of beneficiaries who are low-income: 48%

### Enrollment in Medicare Advantage Plans (2007)

Total MA enrollees: 36,395  
 Percent of Medicare population enrolled: 19%

### Estimated Impact of MA Funding Cuts

Average potential payment reduction:\* -15%  
 Number of enrollees projected to lose coverage<sup>1</sup>: 32,866

\* Potential payment reduction includes budget neutrality funding that Congress already cut in the DRA of 2005 that will be fully eliminated by 2011, removal of all medical education costs and elimination of rate enhancements enacted by Congress in BBA 1997, BIPA 2001 and MMA 2003.

<sup>1</sup> Atherly, Adam Ph.D., and Kenneth E. Thorpe, Ph.D., "The Impact of Reduction's in Medicare Advantage Funding on Beneficiaries" April 2007